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Newsletter of Columbus / Columbus North High School Alumni Association

Message From Our President

Dear Fellow Bull Dogs:

It is with joy that I share that your Bull Dog Alumni Association contributions are hard at work. Last fall your Alumni Association Board provided funds for the following grants totaling Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$5,489). Departments in **bold**:

Matthew Parker - **Science** – Science Olympiad Competition Expenses (\$2,000)

M. Hamlin/Daniel Ho - **Special Ed** - Transition Fair (Callon Fund) (\$500)

Barb Handt – **English** - Fees for Guest Speaker Expenses (\$389)

Patrick Pemberton – **Counseling** - Digital Recorders for AP Languages (\$500)

Tonya Cruser – **Art** - 2 Classes working on a glass mosaic (\$600)

Jordan Sharp - **PE/Weight Training** - Weight Training Equipment (\$1,000)

Amelia Shaw - **World Languages** - Rathskeller Field Trip/German Students (\$500)

Each grant allows students and faculty to enjoy activities to enhance their educational experience which would otherwise not be available through public funding.

On Friday, December 14, before the Columbus North-Columbus East men's basketball game, your Bull Dog Alumni Association directors and members handed out Chuck Taylor towels to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the graduation of Chuck Taylor from Columbus High School in 1919. It was a great night for the Bull Dogs and the recognition of the 150th anniversary of Columbus High School / Columbus North High School

The exciting activities of the 150th Anniversary celebration of Columbus High School/Columbus North High School continue and will culminate with American Pie on May 10, 2019, and a special reunion of retired teachers and Bull Dog alumni on May 11, 2019, with times to be announced. Please reserve these dates on your calendar. (more details below in *True Blue*)

As we all venture into 2019, I encourage you to [Stay Blue](#) and support the activities of the Bull Dog Alumni Association.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we wish all of you and your family a wonderful 2019!

Yours in Bull Dog service,

Pete

Pete King ('72), President

Bull Dogs for Life!



I-10 Doesn't go thru Indiana, but it Goes Right Through the Bull Dog Nation!

(From Erika Stewart) A meeting of two Bull Dogs...

I was driving down the highway and found my front tire smoking from having popped. My only option was to pull over to the inside shoulder. As this happened the song on the radio playing was "Everything's Gonna Be Alright," to which I had to laugh despite my circumstances, involving also now running late to my finance seminar.

Roadside Assistance came to my aid and the man was incredibly helpful. He asked where I was from and when I answered Indiana, he stares at me straight on asking, "Where?" I continued elaborating to the city, Columbus. He asks, "North or East?" Further I reply, North! The biggest smile comes over this man's face. "I graduated a Bull Dog too!"

Get out of town. Literally. What are the odds?? Principal Clark wasn't playing around when he called it Bull Dog nation. It just took me several years later to realize that. Here we are 1700+ miles away on Arizona's I-10 and a fellow Columbus North alumnus is having to rescue me.

Erica Stewart (Class of 2012) and Ray Franklin Jordan (Class of 1984)



The Bull Dog Nation knows no bounds!

Polished Brass

Columbus North's Sgt. Kristin J. Cazenave is a member of the United States Air Force Ceremonial Brass and performed for the arrival to Washington of President George H. W. Bush's remains and again at departure to Houston on the event of his passing.

What and honor for one of our own!



(from U. S. Air Force Bands website) Technical Sgt. Kristin Cazenave is a trumpeter with the Ceremonial Brass, The United States Air Force Band, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, D.C. Her Air Force career began in 2011 with the Heartland of America Band at Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska.

During her time there, she performed with The Noteables jazz ensemble, Brass in Blue, the Concert Band, and the Marching Band.

A native of Columbus, Indiana, Sergeant Cazenave graduated from Columbus North High School in 2007 and holds a Bachelor of Music degree in trumpet performance from Indiana University. Prior to her Air Force career, Cazenave was a performing artist for Norwegian Cruise Lines, a guest soloist with the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic and Columbus Symphony Orchestra, a featured soloist on the CBS Sunday Morning Show's Columbus (Indiana) special. Cazenave has also performed with the critically acclaimed Buselli-Wallarab Jazz Orchestra based in Indianapolis, and the Colorado Springs Brass.



Julia Iorio Named Outstanding Spanish Student

Columbus North High School student Julia Iorio has been selected as one of the recipients of the 2018 Indiana Outstanding High School Student of Spanish Award by the Indiana Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese!



Art Students Strike Precious Metal!

The Scholastic Art Awards were recently announced and CNHS students did very well! If you see the following students, please congratulate them on their outstanding work.

You may view their work along with all regional winners January 30 – March 17, 2019, at Clowes Memorial Hall on the campus of Butler University.

Printmaking

Luke Swain - Honorable Mention

Photography

Cassidy May - **Gold Key**, Silver Key

Alyona Rosenthal - **Gold Key**, Silver Key, and an Honorable Mention

Drawing

Rachel Deak - **2 Gold Keys**, Silver Key, and an Honorable Mention

Anna Holle - **2 Gold Keys**

From Leslie Weaver – Instructor





Top Ten Seniors Named

Top ten scholars from the class of 2019 have been named; and for the first time in Bull Dog history, all ten are girls!

They recently gathered in the office for a photo opportunity (see below with their class rank in parentheses).



Congratulations to our Top Ten Seniors!

First row: **Suzanne Ward** (#9 tie), **Juli Soda** (#5), **Julia Iorio** (#3), **Amanda Wissmann** (#1), **Agustina Fainguersch** (#7)

Second row: **Claire Kim** (#2), **Hannah Blair** (#6), **Anna Holle** (#4), **Abbey Landini** (#9 tie), **Alexandria Munnicha** (#8)



Reunion Planning Season

Reunion planning is underway for 2019. Tell us your plans, and we'll help spread the word.

More information about reunions here:

<http://www.columbusnorthalumni.org/reunion-resource-page/>

As a reminder, maintaining class lists is the responsibility of each class; but we can assist any class that needs help with starter lists and techniques for searching out classmates. We can point you to main contact person for each class as this information is shared with us ---

<http://www.columbusnorthalumni.org/reunion-resource-page/class-contact-information/>

If your class doesn't have a contact person listed, please let us know, and we'll see what we can find out for you.

Known Reunions at this time

We have been told that Classes of 1959, 1969, and 1979 have scheduled reunions.

Historically, other classes have often held reunions on anniversaries that end in "5" or "0". So, are any of the following classes planning reunions?

'64, '74, '84, '89, '94, '99, '09

Let us know and help us help you!



Annual Campaign

During 2018, your Bull Dog Alumni Association invested nearly \$25,000 in scholarships, faculty enrichment, and student support programs. This investment is in addition to the work we did to assist Bull Dog Alumni stay in touch and to celebrate the history of Columbus/Columbus North High School – in our 150th anniversary year.

We continue to enlarge and improve our programs because of generous donations from Bull Dog Alumni like you. If you supported your Bull Dog Alumni Association in 2018, **THANK YOU!**

Last year represented a new high level in terms of financial support to the students and staff at CNHS! The Alumni Association to committed to surpassing 2018’s numbers this year! Won’t you help us?

You can easily donate electronically at our web site – or by check:

- You can find our web donation link at:
<http://www.columbusnorthalumni.org/support/annual-campaign-donation-form/>
- Our printable donation form and mailing address is located at:
<http://bulldogalumni.wpengine.com/tdadvertising-content/uploads/DonationFormPrintable.pdf>

Thank you for helping achieve excellence at Columbus North High School. You are what makes Bull Dogs great!

Veterans Memorial Dedication

November 9, 2018 marked the dedication of the Bull Dog Alumni Veterans Memorial, honoring CHS & CNHS attendees who, as members of the military, sacrificed their lives in service to the United States.



The solemn ceremony was attended by local veterans, alumni, staff, and students as all ninety-one names of fallen alumni were read. The memorial is on a wall in the student commons area and reminds all about the precious freedoms we enjoy.



Veterans Memorial is sponsored by Barks, Weaver & Glick. Many thanks to **Rory Glick** (CNHS 1984) and **Jill (Tremain) Glick** (CNHS 1985).

Memorial designed by **Jim Paris** (CHS 1957).
Research provided by **JoAnn (Sewell) Greenlee** (CHS 1965) and **Donna (Davis) White** (CHS 1972)





Taking Care of Bull Dogs

A great deal of news coverage has been given of late to **security** on school campuses. We had the opportunity to recently spend some time conversing with **Assistant Principal John Green** and **School Resource Officer Eric Stevens**.



(left) Mr. Green
Working to ensure a safer educational environment
(right) Officer Stevens

Mr. Green heads security efforts at CNHS and is responsible for coordinating and implementing processes in this area. We must emphasize his role as coordinator, because every staff member at CNHS is involved in these efforts.

Recent installations of door locks and a single-point-of-entry strategy (through the main office entrance) has required involvement of all staff and students alike. Included alongside the physical changes are new processes that require development, testing, and cooperation involving everyone that is part of the campus (full time staff, contractors, students, and visitors). Team effort from a big team best describes it. It carries big responsibilities aside from the other duties an assistant principal has. (We happened to be onsite for meetings recently and were involved with a lockdown drill that went very smoothly due to the efforts of staff and students. Kudos!)

Officer Stevens (Bull Dog Class of 1991 where he was a varsity baseball and cross-country performer) serves at CNHS as a nearly 20-year veteran of the Columbus Police Department where he had attained a position as detective before returning to CNHS

He saw the position as an opportunity to give back to the school and the city. In speaking to Eric, it struck this writer that he was most passionate about helping establish stronger understanding and relationships with the youth of the community. To this end, he prefers to be in full uniform to make sure the students understand they are interacting with a police officer and that such interactions can be positive!



He also feels a visible presence serves as a deterrent to outside threats.

Other changes adding to security improvements are expanded corporation-wide counseling services to improve student relationships. While changes and procedures continue to evolve, it is obvious it is occurring with the safety of the students at the forefront. **We thank Mr. Green, Officer Stevens, and everyone for their efforts!**



Chuck Taylor Night

On December 14, at the North-East boys basketball game, Chuck Taylor (“Columbus’ Original All-Star”) was honored prior to the game. A short biography of Taylor was read prior to the game, many fans wore their “Chucks” that evening, and the Bull Dog Alumni Association distributed “Spirit Towels” to many of the fans.



This season marks the 100th Anniversary of Taylor being the captain of the Bull Dog boys basketball team in his senior year. It was a great night and a great crowd where it was nice to see “Miss Memorial” loaded with fans!



150th Anniversary

Your Bull Dog Alumni Association is excited to be well into our big 150th Anniversary year. As you’ve already read in this and previous *True Blue* editions, we’ve already enjoyed an outstanding Four Freshmen concert, Hall of Fame induction, Veterans Memorial dedication, and Chuck Taylor night. Activities will continue through May-2019.

While some details are still being finalized, the following events are currently in some stage of planning. Exciting stuff of which we’re all a part!

Events currently being planned:

- Feb-21-2019 - **History Day at CNHS** – Students are working on special projects and displays. Keep checking website for details.
- Mar-Apr-2019 – **High School History Exhibit at Bartholomew County Historical Society** on 3rd Street Downtown – Details to-be-determined and will be on website.
- Apr-17-2019 – **150th Day of School in the 150th Year Celebration** – At CNHS for students.
- 10-May-2019 - **“Encore” American Pie and Reunion of Debs and Music Men** – This will be **VERY** special. See more detail next month on our website and school website.
- 11-May-2019 – **Bull Dog Gala Reunion** –A gala reunion event at the Mill Race Center that will include special recognition for retired teachers & staff. Stay tuned for more details on website and spring *True Blue*.

You don’t have to attend them all, but you owe it to yourself to not miss them all!



150th Anniversary History

The History Committee is continuing work on compiling historical materials for the high school in Columbus dating back to the mid-1800s. The Columbus / Columbus North High School history will be a challenge to compile, but efforts are underway. The short-term goal, publishing a coffee-table type book of key historical photographs and materials in time for our grand finale gala reunion event in May of 2019, is in progress. This book effort is being led by a core team of seven individuals, and they might be contacting you for details and input. Please give them a hand!

Another exciting effort that is being carried out by interested students in the media department is to interview alumni, create video recordings of the interviews, and edit them into a documentary video.



(above: Tony Stewart prepping for video interview)

All the video interviews as well as the final product will become part of our historical archives. This process has the added benefit of bringing together alumni (dating back to classes in the 40s) and current students. It is wonderful to see awareness and appreciation levels rise in Bull Dogs spanning 70 years of experiences!

Again (a repeat from last issue of *True Blue*), we implore any of you who might have historical materials, artifacts, photographs, news clippings, or documents to let us know of these items. Anything you might have to share with them will be invaluable to their efforts. We're talking about, not just CHS/CNHS items but nostalgic materials associated with students such as, for example, from the Olympia, Zaharako's, the Jive Kennel, or corporate items associated with the school.

If anyone is interested in helping in any area, please let us know!



The finished work of this team will include updated and improved Bull dog archives plus a history section and historical reference links from our website.

In the way of final updates in this issue, the "book team" is finishing final drafts and about to send a compiled collection of about ten chapters to a content editor. They are discovering how difficult it is to condense 150 years into what seems like too few pages! But the final product will be a great anchor for the comprehensive history efforts that will continue. Lastly, in another cooperative effort with students, two media students are using their talents and perspective to design the book's cover.

More Bull Dog Pride!



Calling All Sponsors and Supporters!

We want to make the 150th Celebration a special memory for everyone involved. The cornerstones for this year and beyond are going to be the Gala Reunion and the book effort.

Portions of donations to the general fund of the Alumni Association will be key to both these efforts.

You can also donate online at:

<http://www.columbusnorthalumni.org/support/annual-campaign-donation-form/>

Our printable donation for and mailing address is at:

<http://bulldogalumni.wpengiengine.com/tdadvertising-content/uploads/DonationFormPrintable.pdf>

If anyone would like to be a major sponsor of either the book or the gala, please call 812.376.6640 or email us:

<mailto:cnhsalumni@bcsc.k12.in.us>

Please use 150th Sponsor in message subject line.

Please mark your calendars for the **American Pie concert on May 10**. Last year was supposed to be the finale for Ed Niespodziani; but when he heard about the plans for the 150th celebration, he said he would be back for another year!

Ticket sales are historically brisk and usually occur around May 1st. Watch our website and Facebook page for actual dates. This will be a great show!!

Hall of Famer Visit

Bull Dog Alumni Hall of Fame inductee Tony Stewart (1989 graduate) stopped by in February to be interviewed by students as part of our 150th anniversary celebration.

While he was here taking some time out of his busy schedule, he took the opportunity to check out some of the changes at CNHS, including the Hall of Fame wall in the student commons area where his plaque was hung in 2016.



(Above): Bull Dog Alumni Association board members Larry Ruble ('68) and Hedy (Pottorff) George ('67) share a quick photo-op with Tony.

Tony was so impressed with all the new facilities, he spent the afternoon!! **Once a Bull Dog, always a Bull Dog!**



Board Snaps

Speaking of Hedy & Larry, since they're already captured in the preceding photo, they get to be the first "victims" of a new feature we'll be including in the next several *True Blue* newsletters. We're going to share profiles of board members to help everyone get to know them a little better.

Hedy (Pottorff) George Board Member and Executive Director

Hedy (CHS Class of 1967) is one of the "founders" of the "current" alumni association. She's a retired teacher in the BCSC as well as being former women's basketball coach, teacher, and athletic director at CNHS. She and her husband Ken (also CHS Class of 1967) live at Tipton Lakes and have two children (Kyle and Lesley, also Bull Dogs) and four grandkids! During one of the few moments that you find Hedy not with kids, grandkids, or working on "Bull Dog business", there's a good chance you'll find her on the golf course with Ken.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky, Hedy also played on the Wildcat Women's Basketball Team (without having the opportunity to play high school basketball, we might add!). She's a 2015 inductee into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame as a coach.

Ken probably described her best in a recent interview in the Tipton Lakes magazine --- **"She's an all-in person and doesn't go for singles. She goes for home runs."**



Aside from being the glue that holds the alumni association together, she provides a huge amount of the energy that keeps it moving forward. The Bull Dog Alumni Association is certainly blessed to have her on their team!



(Class of 1967 50th Reunion picture)

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Larry Ruble

Board Member and Information Officer

Larry says he foolishly joined the Bull Dog Alumni Association board in 2013 after he claims he was “conned” into accepting by Hedy! *Just teasing!*

A lifelong resident of the Columbus area, he does enjoy giving back to the community in various ways, and the Bull Dog Alumni Association certainly fits the bill with the good things it does. Larry (CHS Class of 1968) is a graduate of Indiana University (he also spent two years studying at Purdue, so the combination of schools may explain some of his odd behavior!). He retired as a Senior Information Technology Director in 2007 after a career at Arvin / ArvinMeritor that began in 1968.

He and wife Connie (Gelfius) Ruble (CHS Class of 1967) share a family of five children, Craig, Clay, and Cory Ruble, Danielle Day Alfred (CNHS grads) and Tricia Day (a CEHS graduate. They also have ten grandchildren and a great-granddaughter!



Aside from his Alumni Association duties (where he is editor of *True Blue* as well as the association’s webmaster, social media director, and “reunion helper for other classes”), Larry also spends time as archivist at First Christian Church, leading tours at Columbus Visitor Center, and helping at times at the Bartholomew County Historical Society with an extensive Arvin collection he and Connie donated.



When not working in one of the volunteer activities above, Larry can be found at Timbergate Golf Course (where he and Connie just built a new home), hanging with grandkids, or wetting a line somewhere in the area. Connie and Larry also enjoy travelling whenever they can.



Just in case you were wondering, Hedy, Larry and all the board members **always welcome your help** with the Alumni Association. Contact us today!



Bull Dog Connections

Check out the website for the CNHS Media department & students:

<http://cnhsmedia.com/>

Check out the school newspaper (Yep, it's still called *The Triangle*, even if it might look a little different!) at:

<http://issuu.com/cnhsmedia.com>

You can see and listen to the school's videos & daily announcements given by the students at:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cnhsmedia>

Twitter account for CNHS Media:

<https://twitter.com/cnhsmedia?lang=en>

Twitter Account for Bull Dog Athletics:

<https://twitter.com/cnhsbulldogs?lang=en>

Erne Auditorium Instagram Account page:

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/1840985742880928/judson-erne-auditorium-at-columbus-north-high-school/>

Bull Dog Connections

Columbus North Athletics Page – Great page dealers with all the Bull Dog athletic teams:

<https://columbusnorthathletics.org/>

Bull Dog Alumni Association on the web

Website:

<http://www.columbusnorthalumni.org/>

Join us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/columbusnorthalumni>

Twitter account:

https://twitter.com/BullDog_Alumni

Email to:

<mailto:cnhsalumni@bcsc.k12.in.us>

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in our next True Blue?
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<http://www.columbusnorthalumni.org/contact/>

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